

# Welcome to Bellview Elementary



**A National Blue Ribbon School**



**Bellview Motto:**

Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible!

**Bellview Mission Statement:**

The Bellview staff accepts the responsibility to provide equal opportunities for all students to reach their academic, social, and emotional potential.

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## **Bellview Student Creed**

**Today is a bright new day, filled with wonderful possibilities.**

**Yesterday's mistakes are behind me.**

**I am a sagacious and tenacious Bellview student,  
with great expectations for myself.**

**I will respect others and myself.**

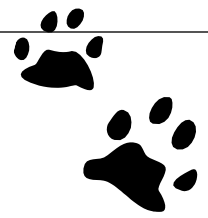
**I accept the responsibility for my behavior.**

**I am here to learn, and I am determined to succeed.**

**I challenge myself to become the best that I can be.**

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## Parent/Student Information



### **RPS MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Rogers Public Schools is to provide an environment of educational excellence where all belong, all learn, and all succeed.

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Doors are unlocked at 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop off children before this time. There are no adults on duty to supervise children before 7:15. **Students are expected to be in the classroom at 7:45 a.m. and ready for school.** Those arriving after 7:45 a.m. are to report to the office to receive a tardy slip to take to class. At 2:45 pm. we will begin dismissing students. If your child is a car ride, please stay in the car line. If you have a special need to come in to pick up your child, please wait in the designated area in the foyer. If you have your car sign, please have it visible on your dashboard. This will help traffic flow smoothly. Only staff members are allowed in the hallways during dismissal.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is an important factor in academic achievement. Students who are late to school or who leave during the school day will be considered tardy.

- Up to 2 hours missed time during any portion of the day = tardy
- 2 - 4 hours of missed time = 1/2 day absence
- More than 4 hours of missed time = 1 full day absence
- PER ACT 1322, the school district MUST notify the prosecuting authority if a student exceeds the number of unexcused absences allowed by the district per semester (10 days).

### ***Excessive Absences:***

- After the 5<sup>th</sup> absence during a semester, parents will be notified by phone or letter.
- After 10 absences in a semester, parents will again be notified by phone or letter.
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> absence in a semester, Arkansas law requires that parents be notified that their student may be retained and that a report may be filed with Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS).

### ***Leaving School Early:***

- When possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours. When it is necessary for an appointment, please obtain a doctor's note and send it to school with your child.
- If a student must leave school between 7:45-2:45, he or she must be signed out through the office. The student being checked out will be called to the office. Parents may not go to the classroom to pick up their child.
- A child will only be released to individuals listed on the enrollment form authorized pickup list. For your child's safety, identification may be requested.
- A student's attendance record will indicate absences according to the attendance policy when checked out of school for appointments.

### **Car Rider Procedures**

- The doors at the back of the building are used for dropping off and picking up car riders. Enter the car rider line from Pleasant Grove Rd. The following procedures are in place to ensure the safety of your child and the safety of others.

### ***In the morning:***

- Parents need to pull all the way up to the first available orange cone and put their car in park.
- There will be an adult holding a stop sign at the front of the line. There will also be a couple more adults helping students. Please have your child unbuckled, ready to exit the car, with all their belongings in hand.
- All students should exit from the passenger side of the car.
- If your student forgets items in the car pull around to the front parking lot, and walk the item in to the main office.

### ***In the afternoon:***

- Please place the car tag with the child(ren)'s name(s) you are picking up in your window so the adult calling for student(s) can see it.
- Cars will form two lines and pull up as directed.
- Car riders wait inside the building until their name(s) is called and then proceed out to their car.
- Once all cars have loaded, the adult holding the stop sign will turn it to go for cars to exit the school.

## NOTES TO SCHOOL FROM PARENTS

### **Notes are required when:**

- A student has been absent and should state the reason.
- A student who will be going home a different way than he/she usually does or if a different person will be picking up the student. Children without notes will be sent home their customary way. **Except in an emergency, please do not call the office to change the mode of transportation after 2:00.** We cannot guarantee the delivery of the message.
- A student is either going home with someone else OR is bringing someone home with him/her. In this situation, **both children require a parent written note.** Students will NOT be allowed to call parents for this purpose.
- A student should be excused from PE classes or recess due to illness or injury. A doctor's excuse will be required if this is for an extended period of time.

### Custody

If there are any existing custody arrangements regarding your child, the school must have a copy of the official court documents. These documents must be updated yearly or as changes occur.

### SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE POLICY

Bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Students who ride the bus must obey the rules outlined in the district policy. Problems at the bus stop are the responsibility of parents not the school. Repeat offenses may result in lost privileges riding the bus. If you need to contact our transportation department, the number is (479) 631-3519.

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

A student's appearance (clothing, cleanliness, and accessories) should not disrupt the educational environment by disturbing or distracting other students. Makeup and excessive jewelry are not appropriate for elementary school students. Students are encouraged to wear their Bellview spirit shirts or school shirts any day they want, but especially on Mondays.

### Students should NOT wear the following to school:

- Clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, or illegal products
- Clothing that exhibits sexually suggestive content and/or inappropriate language
- Shirts/tops that do not cover the midriff
- Halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, and tube tops
- Shorts and skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh
- Cleats, taps, high heels, or skate shoes
- Flip-Flops are discouraged due to safety

### HOMEWORK/MAKE-UP WORK

*Homework:* Any homework will be an extension of previously taught standards that your child has mastered already. The assignment will be for independent practice outside of school time. It is the responsibility of the student to complete any class and homework assignments on time. School papers and other communication are sent home on Tuesdays.

*Make-Up work:* When a student is absent, he/she will have one day for each day's absence to complete make-up work. Make-up work for absent students may be supplied by the teacher and picked up by the parent in the office. If multiple days may be missed, please email the teacher or call the office by 9:00am to request work that may be picked up no earlier than 2:00. Make-up work will not be supplied in advance for a one-day absence. Please do not interrupt a teacher's class to ask for work.

## **GRADING POLICY**

The following standards-based scale is used for all kindergarten through fifth-grade students. This scale measures student achievement performance against the Arkansas Student Learning Expectations appropriate for the specified grade level.

- 3 – Meeting:** The student has a thorough knowledge, understanding, and application of the concepts, skills, and processes the grade-level standards require.
- 2 – Progressing:** The student is gaining understanding of the concepts, skills, and processes the standards require but needs some additional support.
- 1 – Beginning:** The student is beginning to understand the concepts, skills, and processes the standards require and needs consistent additional support.
- NE – No Evidence:** No evidence of the learning has been demonstrated. The student has not engaged or applied the concepts, skills, and processes that have been taught.
- N/A – Not applicable at this time**

## **Lost and Found**

Articles found in and around the school should be turned in to the lost and found area where the owners may claim their property. Please consider labeling jackets, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, and other items with your child's name so they may be returned to the owner. Unclaimed items will be donated at winter break and the end of the year to local charities.

## **PARENTS AND VISITORS**

Always check in the office first and receive a "Visitor" tag if you plan to be in the building except for parent programs in the cafeteria. Please make prior arrangements with your child's teacher/principal before planning to visit or volunteering in the classroom/building. If you need to see your child during school hours, we will call the student to the office. Please do not go to the classroom. This is for the security of our building. If you wish to have a conference with your child's teacher, please call ahead to make an appointment. Teachers' schedules do not allow for drop-in conferences, or visits with parents during school hours.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled annually in the fall and in the winter, with the expectation that every child's parent or guardian will schedule and attend during these two periods of time. You may also contact the teacher to set up a meeting at any time you would like more information or have questions. Likewise, if your child's teacher believes that additional conferences are necessary, he/she will contact you. Parent concerns should be addressed directly with the teacher.

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will maintain a safe environment for learning at all times. Students should obey all school rules both in and on school property. Students are expected to respectfully follow directions given by any Bellview staff member. No student will be allowed to repeatedly interfere with or disrupt the educational process of others. Parents will be notified if behavior is a serious problem. The full district discipline policy is available on the Rogers website (<https://www.rogersschools.net/packet>). You can also click this link to access it: [District Information Packet](#)

## **STUDENT MEDICATION/NURSE**

**Nurse:** Esharra Ruiz

### *Medication:*

Written permission from a student's parent must be on file in the school office before school personnel are permitted to administer medication. Medication will not be given unless it is in a prescription container that is clearly marked with the child's name, dosage, number of times it is to be given, and the name of the medication. Inhalers are considered medication. Students are not allowed to transport medication on the bus. Over the counter medications will be kept in the nurse's office for 1 week with parent written communication.

### *Allergies/Illness:*

Please inform the nurse of any significant allergies and or diagnosis. Depending on the severity, a Health Care Plan might be warranted.

## **Parent Center**

There is a parent center located in the front foyer of the building with various resources. These resources are available to parents at no cost. Information regarding free parent classes and workshops offered in the area will be made available to parents who express interest. Please contact Whitney Macechko, school counselor, for assistance or more information.

## **Parents as Partners**

Working together, as partners, in the education of our children is vital for their success. In an effort to provide our students with the highest quality education possible, we recommend the following roles for parents, students, teachers and administrators.

### **TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WILL:**

- Welcome parents/guardians into the school and seek their support and assistance.
- Include parents as full partners in the decisions that affect their child and family.
- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment based on the standards set forth by the State of Arkansas.
- Offer regular, two-way communication between home and school (weekly folder, phone calls, notes, emails, and conferences).
- Encourage parent involvement in their child's school experience.
- Provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on proficiency levels that children are expected to meet and their child's progress toward meeting those state standards.
- Provide timely responses to parents' questions or recommendations.

### **THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL:**

- See that your child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- Support the school discipline policy.
- Ensure that homework is completed in a neat and acceptable way.
- Provide a quiet place to study.
- Encourage the efforts of your child and be available for questions.

### **THE STUDENTS WILL:**

- Attend school regularly.
- Come to school each day with the necessary supplies and a positive attitude.
- Complete and return class and homework assignments.
- Abide by the school discipline policy.

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Support**

- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year. One meeting is held in the fall (October) and one in the spring (February). The teacher will arrange a time with you. If your child's teacher believes that additional conferences are necessary, he/she will contact you.
- Bellview will hold a STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math) Family night annually. This Family Night is an evening of hands-on activities for students and families to complete together.

## **PERSONAL ITEMS**

- Cell phones and smart watches will be turned off during school hours. Additionally, cell phones must be stored in the students' backpack during school hours. (We assume no responsibility for any lost, damaged, or stolen items on school property).
- Items not allowed at school include the following: toys, weapons of any kind (guns (real or toy), knives etc.), pets, firecrackers, matches, or lighters.
- Invitations to non-school events (birthday parties) may not be distributed at school unless every child in the class is included.
- Fidgets may be brought to the classroom with teacher permission.

## **Resolving Conflicts**

It is our goal at Bellview Elementary to provide a child centered educational service that we can be proud of. If at any time, you have a problem or a concern, you are encouraged to visit with your child's teacher first. If the issue can't be resolved, you are encouraged to seek counsel with the assistant principal or principal. Any conflict that can't be resolved at the building with the principal may be brought to the district Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum for resolution.

## **Recess**

All students will go out for recess if the weather permits. Students are given two 20-minute recesses a day. Recess provides opportunities for social learning and physical activity. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for recess.

## **Encore Classes**

All students at Bellview will attend at least one encore class daily. These classes include ART, PE, Music, and Library. For the safety of your child, appropriate shoes and clothing should be worn on PE days.

Per Arkansas State law, students observe a minute of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance each morning.



## School Meals

### *Breakfast in the Classroom*

Bellview students participate in the Breakfast in the Classroom Program. All students have the opportunity to take a free, provided breakfast each morning to their classroom.

**Why:** Research shows that eating together for meals has a positive effect on students in the school environment. Some benefits include but are not limited to the following: better academic performance, higher self-esteem, and greater sense of resilience.

### **What does this mean?**

- Students will be provided breakfast Monday-Friday in the classroom.
- Students will be given time to eat from 7:30-7:55. This gives students and staff the opportunity to build a positive culture in the classroom.
- If your child gets to school late, he/she will not get the opportunity to participate.
- Breakfast items provided are peanut free.

### *Lunch:*

A free/reduced lunch form must be filled out and approved for those requiring financial assistance. Students may also bring their lunch from home. Carbonated beverages are highly discouraged in school lunch boxes. There is a designated spot for parents and their child to eat in the back of the cafeteria. Only the parent and child may eat together in the designated area. **Parents may bring in food for their child, but per state law, you may not provide food to any other students.**

## Standardized Assessment

Rogers Public School District students in kindergarten through fifth take the state standardized tests each year. Because these test results are used in various aspects of your child's educational program, we appreciate you avoiding any trips, appointments, and absences during the testing dates.

- IREADY, Grades k-5: Administered in the fall, winter, and spring (specific dates to come)
- ATLAS, grades 3-5: administered in late April
- ELPA 21 Assessment for ESOL students: Testing window is Jan – March. Specific dates will be included in class communication.

## Celebrations

According to the Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity in the State of Arkansas, there are 9 days allotted each school year in which we may provide students with foods that do not meet the federal guidelines covering nutrition unless it is an integral part of instruction.

- **Birthdays:** What this means for you is that we can no longer allow parents to send cupcakes, etc. for birthday celebrations or food of any kind unless it is a pre-approved "food" day. Parents may bring a treat for only their child during their child's lunchtime.
- **Parties:** There are only 2 school sanctioned parties, the winter holiday party in December and Valentine's Day party in February. Each homeroom parent will be in charge of organizing these events. Other than these 2 parties, no other class food treats may be brought to school by parents.
- **Deliveries:** The school cannot accept deliveries of flowers, balloons, or other items for students. Please do not have any items delivered to your child at school. This includes food delivered by food delivery services.



## **BOBCAT-BLASTOFF**

Part of having high expectations is beginning each week with Bobcat Blast-off. Our Blast-off assemblies are almost every Monday morning at 7:50 a.m. in the cafeteria. Students gather to start their week with music, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, signing the national anthem, and reciting the school creed.

Each week a different student from each class is chosen to be the “student of the week.” These students are introduced to the entire school and have seats of honor up on the stage. They help lead the rest of the school in activities during the assembly. School announcements are made during Bobcat Blast-off and the assembly typically ends around 8:05 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend Bobcat Blast-off, especially if their child is a “student of the week” or if their child is being recognized for something special.

## **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

At the end of each quarter, an awards assembly recognizing academic achievements is held in the afternoon in the cafeteria. Each teacher determines students worthy of recognition in reading, writing, and math. Teachers also recognize a student showing outstanding character known as the ‘Paw’ Some award. The encore teachers recognize a class that has performed well in physical education, music and art.

## **Gifted and Talented**

“REACH” is the name of the gifted and talented program in Rogers. It stands for “Research Experiences Advancing Children’s Horizons”. Students in grades K-2 participate in REACH lessons in their classrooms monthly. Beginning in 3rd grade qualifying students are involved in a weekly REACH pull-out program. Students in grades 3-5 may be nominated by teachers, parents, peers, or self for the program. Specific assessments are then administered to potential candidates. A small committee meets regularly to discuss the data and determine if students qualify for the REACH program. Parents receive a letter in the mail letting them know the committee’s decision.

## **Speech and Language Therapy**

Speech and Language Therapy services are available for students who qualify for these services. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Susan Martin at the school if you have a concern about your child’s speech or language skills.

## **School Counselor**

Whitney Macechko (Mrs. M.) is our school counselor at Bellview. She is available to talk with parents, students, and school staff about academic or social issues within the school setting. In addition, Mrs. M. regularly visits classrooms to conduct lessons throughout the school year. Topics include but are not limited to the following: personal safety, bullying, conflict resolution, coping skills, decision-making, recognizing/appreciating cultural and ethnic diversity, goal setting, career explorations, and middle school transition.

## **Change of Residence or Telephone Number**

Please notify the main office immediately if your phone number or address changes. It is important the school has at least one phone number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

## Online Resources

- Bellview Elementary: <https://www.rogersschools.net/bellview>
- Rogers Public Schools: <https://www.rogersschools.net/bellview>
- Bellview PTA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BellviewPTARogersAR/>
- Bellview PTA Store: <https://bellviewelementary.memberhub.store/store>
- Member Hub: <https://bellviewelementary.memberhub.com> (first time users need to create an account)
- PTA Weekly Newsletter: Bobcat Blast Sign-Up (<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/TbldZNO> or Use the QR code



- State Department of Education: <https://ade.arkansas.gov/>
- AR Kids First (health insurance): <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/medical-services/healthcare-programs/arkids/>
- AR Department of Human Services: <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/>

## 2024-2025 School Calendar

School Begins (First day for students)	August 14
Labor Day (No School)	September 2
Teacher Professional Dev. Day (No School)	September 20
Conference Days (After school)	September 23 – October 4
First Quarter Ends	October 11
Teacher Workday (No school)	October 17
Vacation Day (No School)	October 18 & 21
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 - 29
Second Quarter Ends	December 19
Winter Break (No School)	December 20 – January 2
Teacher Workday (No school)	January 3
Teacher Professional Dev. Day (No school)	January 6
Third Quarter Begins	January 7
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No school)	January 20
Conference Days (After school)	February 10 - 21
Teacher Professional Dev. Day (No school)	February 17
Third Quarter Ends	March 14
Fourth Quarter Begins	March 17
Spring Break	March 24 - 28
Teacher Professional Dev. Day (No School)	March 31
Vacation Day (No School)	April 18
Memorial Day (No School)	May 26
Fourth Quarter Ends (Last Day of School)	May 28
Last Day of School	May 29



## Be “in the know” about Bellview Events!

At Bellview we are very lucky to have lots of wonderful parents that are willing to help at events throughout the year.

If you want to be “in the know” about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please sign up for our volunteer email communication. Just email [bellviewpta.rogers@gmail.com](mailto:bellviewpta.rogers@gmail.com) and you'll be added to the list.

Anytime a new event is approaching with a volunteer opportunity, you will receive an email with a SignUpGenius link. There is NO obligation to sign up for any event but we hope you will when you can! Examples of a few events where volunteers are needed throughout the year are listed below. Feel free to email the board at [bellviewpta.rogers@gmail.com](mailto:bellviewpta.rogers@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns!

**Fall Carnival** – Our first big event. Lots of stations for the kids to participate in fun games and activities. Volunteers are needed to work at the different stations/booths.

**Popcorn Days** – There are four per year. Parent volunteers help pop the popcorn and get the individual bags ready for each student.

**Picture Days:** Help the Lifetouch photographers get kids/classes in and out for their pictures.

**Fall & Spring Book Fair:** Assisting k-1 grade students with making their “wish lists” and helping students purchase books.

**Holiday House:** Committee volunteers assist with setup, staffing, and removal over a 10 day period in late November-early December

**Kindergarten Registration:** Assist new parents with registration paperwork, making copies and welcoming them to our school.

You can also follow Bellview on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BellviewPTARogersAR/>

## **Large-Scale PTA Events: Several Committee Members and Many Volunteers for Event**

**CARNIVAL**: a fun filled family event. Planning begins late summer. Tasks include the following: arranging for activities/attractions, organizing volunteers, and requesting donations.

**HOLIDAY HOUSE**: a holiday shopping experience for students. They get a chance to shop for family and friends. Committee volunteers assist with setup, staffing, removal over a 10 day period in late November-early December.

**Girls Night Out**: a wonderful event for our young ladies and an adult role model. The dance is typically held in early spring with planning meetings beginning in January. Tasks include setup, removal, staffing, donations and organizing volunteers.

**Boys Night Out**: an exciting event for our young gentlemen and an adult role model. The event is typically held in early spring with planning beginning in January. Tasks include setup, removal, staffing, donations and organizing volunteers.

**FIELD DAY**: an outdoor, fun-filled event in May. Planning begins early spring. Tasks include the following: arranging activities/attractions, organizing volunteers.

## **On-going PTA Programs: Many Members/Volunteers**

**STAFF APPRECIATION GROUP (SAG)**: this group organizes events that show support and appreciation for Bellview staff. Volunteers sign up for events and the food/items that they would like to bring. Communication is through email and SignupGenius.

**BOBCAT DADS**: assist and plan involvement opportunities for our Bellview male role model.

## **Other PTA Programs/Projects: A Chairperson and a Few Dedicated Volunteers**

**HOMECOMING FLOAT**: assist 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in participating in the Rogers High School Homecoming Parade.

**HOMEROOM PARENT COORDINATOR**: coordinates and train homeroom parents about their responsibilities. Homeroom parent sign-up is at the beginning of the school year.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**: coordinates our beginning of the school year social.

**MEMBERSHIP/NEWCOMERS**: helps with PTA membership drive/incentives and maintains the official roster of Bellview PTA members.

**SPIRIT WEAR**: coordinates the design and sale of school t-shirts and other school merchandise.

**SPIRIT EVENTS**: coordinate various community fundraising events. Traditional spirit events include dinners/evenings out. (Chick-fil-A, Chuck E. Cheese, Naturals baseball game, etc.)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**: updates and maintains the PTA website, social media presence, and the Bobcat Blast weekly email.